

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Thursday, September 27, 2007

11:30 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by the Chairman.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representatives Tobocman, Vagnozzi, and Agema.

Chairman Cushingberry moved to excuse absent members. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry made opening remarks to the committee regarding the budget status. He urged members support to do what's best.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the committee the Legislative Transfer Package for Community Health and Military Affairs.

Margaret Alston, House Fiscal Agency Transfer Coordinator, addressed the committee.

Mary Jane Russell from the Department of Community Health Budget Office answered questions of the members.

David Newman, Legislative Liaison from the Department of Information Technology, answered questions on behalf of the Department.

Vice-Chair Gillard assumed the Chair.

Vice-Chair Gillard recognized Rep. Caswell.

Representative Caswell made a motion to remove the Department of Community Health transfer request from the package.

Representative Booher supported the motion.

The motion failed by a vote of 10-14-1.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade,

PASS: Representative Brandenburg.

The committee stood at ease the time being 12:05 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Chairman Cushingberry resumed the Chair.

Member comments and introductions were allowed.

The Chairman recognized John Sorbet from the Chief Administrative Office, Department of Human Services.

House Fiscal Analysts Bob Schneider, Jan Wisniewski, and Mark Wolf answered questions of the members.

Margaret Alston, House Fiscal Agency Transfer Coordinator, made remarks regarding the transfers.

Jan Wisniewski, Analyst for the House Fiscal Agency, answered questions.

Representative Espinoza moved to approve the transfer package for the Departments of Community Health and Military Affairs.

Representative Gonzales supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 26-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection the committee adjourned the time being 1:30 p.m.

**Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair** \_\_\_\_\_  
Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994